GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of pulses in the country is decreasing year after year;

(b) if so, the quantity of pulses produced during each of the last three years;

(c) whether to meet the indigenous/requirement of pulses the Government has been importing pulses;

(d) if so, the quantity of pulses imported during the last three years and the price thereof, country- wise and year-wise;

(e) the incentives the Government propose to extend to the farmers to encourage them to produce more pulses to meet the country`s requirement; and

(f) the reasons for the big hike in prices of pulses in the market and the steps taken to arrest this trend in increase?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The production of pulses is not decreasing year after year. However, the production of pulses has been fluctuating during last three years as may be seen from the figures given below:

Year	Production (in lakh tonnes)
1999-2000	134.18
2000-2001	106.65
2001-2002	135.20

(Advance estimate)

(c)&(d): To meet the gap between demand and supply of pulses in the country, pulses are being imported. Its import is under Open General Licence (OGL).Govt of India imported around 1.0 lakhtonnes of pulses on Govt. account in the year 1999-2000. Rest of the import is by private parties. The details of the quantity of pulses imported during last three years and the price thereof, country -wise and year-wise are given in Annexure-I.

(e): In order to encourage the farmers to produce more pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme ofNational Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented in 30 States/ U.Ts covering 350districts. The scheme envisages financial assistance to the States for production and distribution of seed, seed minikit, rhyzobium culture, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements etc. In addition, field demonstration and farmers training are also being organised for transfer of improved production and protection technology to the farmers for increasing the production of pulses in the country.

(f): The main reason for the hike in prices of pulses during the current year may be due to shortfall in the production of pulses during 2000-2001 when the production declined to 106.65 lakh tonnes due to drought like conditions prevailing in the major pulse producing states and some other factors like international prices etc. However, the Govt. of India is making all out efforts to increase the production of pulses and arrest hike of price of pulses in the country.

Annexure-I

IMPORT OF PULSES YEAR-WISE AND COUNTRY-WISE DURING LAST THREE YEARS

Quantity Ton.
Value-in Rs.lakh

S.No.	Country	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
		Quantity Imported	Value	Quantity Imported	Value	Quantity Imported	Value

1 Australia 98233 10671.33 66570 6706.44 336668 46185.54
2 AZERBAI JAN 571 92.93
3 Belgium 170 22.33
4 Brazil 145 28.32
5 BULGARIA 462 80.51
6 Burundi 112 25.05
7 Canada 34916 6669.34 115134 12456.24 658554 75754.56
8 CHINA TAIPEI 65 11.73
9 CHINA P RP 2697 473.78 6308 997.1 35333 5774.51
10 DENMARK 306 103.95 2052 441.13 1217 180.11
11 EGYPT A RP 400 77.77 21157 3617.11
12 FRANCE 142967 15358.96
13 JERMAN F REP 105 21.44 215 47.13
14 HONG KONG 464 63.64 481 45.78 220 38.62
15 INDONESIA 150 30.36 661 113.45 1127 220.83
16 IRAN 1348 284.78 1154 244.77 116750 21752.33
17 KAZAKHSTAN 66 11.21
18 KENYA 500 91.77 6325 1052.53
19 KOREA RP 30 6.1 40 7.81
20 MALAWI 646 93.29 1059 139.11 2028 229.39
21 MALAYSIA 302 46.23 217 37.78 1449 249.84
22 MAYANAMAR 57943 9945.45 102422 18149.01 692835 113973.93
23 MEXICO 1047 325.46 1670 569.42 11381 3955.74
24 MOZAMBIC 1794 312.03 4272 475.4 1357 189.6
25 MONGOLIA 381 44.05
26 MOROCCO 110 21.84
26 NEPAL 16620 3778.91 15110 3050.17 16681 3828.7
27 NETHERLAND 20 3.66
28 NEW ZEALEND 29 4.23 578 97.08 9854 1424.22
29 PAKISTAN 24 4.68 9820 1759.78 16188 3198.51
30 PAYARA REPUBLIC 42 12.26 30 12.16
31 PERU 22 8.27
32 SAUDI ARAB 16 4.48
33 RUSSIA 5592 941.93
34 SINGA PORE 1541 281.47 14078 2959.25 10393 1505.1
35 SIRI LANKA 385 80.26 107 22.59 126 43.92
36 SWITZERLAND 771 81.83 650 122.9 121 35.24
37 TANZANIA REP 2319 443.79 610 94.89 37408 5619.27
38 THAILAND 1859 302.49 644 107.3 1526 226.78
39 TURKUI 1657 396.2 44 15.29 28899 5824.51
40 U ARAB ENTS 1280 249.86 501 96.04 3790 733.82
41 U K 8646 13.57 64 13.57 146 42.76
42 UKRAINE 40 7.34 240 23.01
43 USA 1882 400.01 4409 905.3 12754 2793.37
44 UZBEKISTEN 53 7.89 503 90.74 1759 334.34
45 VIETMAN SOC REP 1016 174.97
46 ZAMBIA 15 7.4
47 UNSPECIFIED 27 5.52 327 51.47
TOTAL 230766 35469.04 349844 49847.41 2177132 315565.59